

RESOLUTION No. 16-187

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Mrs. Dorothy Davidson will be honored as a "Pioneer" for her exemplary career accomplishments in the local community during the "2016 Honoring Our Elders Celebration" sponsored by the Rosetta James Foundation held at the Jackson Center on March 12, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the Rosetta James Foundation was founded in December 2006. It is a 509 (a) (2) public charity and educational organization founded for the purposes of providing scholarships to deserving students and recognizing the contributions of the elderly in the community while promoting volunteerism and community outreach; and,

WHEREAS, the Foundation's famous "Honoring Our Elders Celebration" is named in honor of Mrs. Rosetta James, a native of Akron, Alabama, in recognition of her outstanding and extraordinary dedication and service to many communities by way of active citizenship. Mrs. James has been determined to seek and search for ways to serve the underserved, minister to the incarcerated, register citizens to vote, provide for the poor and assure hope for the hopeless throughout Huntsville-Madison County for the past 35 years, and continues to be an exemplar of servant citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dorothy Davidson earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and pursued additional studies in Mathematics, Business Administration, and Systems Engineering. She also possesses a working knowledge in selected foreign languages and has studied Latin, German, Italian, French, Spanish, Danish, and Russian; and,

WHEREAS, her professional career includes technical and scientist assignments in the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Patent Office, and as a System Engineer engaged in U.S. military defense activities and in support of foreign military command operations for NATO countries. Davidson was already a savvy and successful entrepreneur as the founder and managing partner of a property and trust management firm when an unexpected spouse's death in January of 2013 changed the plan; and,

WHEREAS, it was at that moment that Davidson took on the leadership help and became the CEO and Chairman of the board of one of Huntsville's most successful and admired companies; and,

WHEREAS, she has been active in the community, providing time and resources in support of organizations, such as the Huntsville Museum of Art, the Huntsville Symphony, The Huntsville Botanical Garden, the Saturn V Restoration Project, the U. S. Space and Rocket Center, the National Children's Advocacy Center, Calhoun Community College, Girls Inc., Auburn University School of Engineering, Auburn University Museum of Art, and many others.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, gratefully acknowledge and congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Davidson and the Rosetta James Foundation, and extend best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of March, 2016.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 10th day of March, 2016.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama